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With never a sound to be heard,
But a touch of lips in the gloom
Of the fire, and never a word;
The echo will never repeat,
Breaking the silence in vain,
"Stolen kisses are always sweet,
And love is never in vain."

For a kiss would a maiden wake
From the charm of a dream sleep,
And a touch of true love would break
The peace that the blue eyes keep.
For ever the echo shall greet,
Like song of a rippling rain,
"Stolen kisses are always sweet,
And love is never in vain."

When hearts and lips have grown cold
And love lives but for an hour;
When life's romance has been told,
And kisses have lost their power;
Then shall soft memory fleet,
No more a dream to enchain;
Yet stolen kisses are always sweet,
And love is never in vain.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Florence Enterprise and the Pinal Drill are at present engaged in a little altercation that seems to call forth all the venom of which the two participants are possessed. While such pleasantries may be lots of "fun for the boys," as displays of journalism they are neither elevating nor instructive. It seems a pity that petty jealousy should be able to produce such an abnormal development in the length of the article.

Six Arizona mines have paid \$1,819,000 in dividends so far this year.

Secretary Hunt has learned a few things since he has been at the head of the Navy Department. He fully realizes the importance that attaches to his recently acquired nautical knowledge, since he can now intelligently discriminate between a quarter-deck and a full puke. He is aware, too, of the difference between a sheet anchor and a flush. He knows that the salary of a Cabinet Minister is not to be picked up every where, and he knows that he wants it. In view of all these acquisitions he now asks to be retained in the Cabinet.

Dr. J. G. Holland, the founder and chief editor of Scribner's Monthly, died at his home in New York City, on the 27th day of October last. He was a lecturer of considerable note, besides being a voluminous writer of both poetry and prose.

Contrary to all expectation the people of Phoenix still live. As to appearance they are as well as usual, in body, and the cyclone does not appear to have done much damage to property. It seldom happens that a storm as violent as the one that passed over Phoenix lasts so long as this one did; yet while the tempest was at its most furious stage, the editor of the Herald rose superior to all the discomforts of this war of the elements, and sacrificed himself in the cause of journalism and of science, and took the following observations: "These reports have taken the public by surprise. The Band must have practiced very thoroughly to produce these selections, and the public seems not to have suspected the coming event. The selections given each evening are entirely new. We do not say that there is no room for improvement. A little more confidence on the part of some of the wind instruments, and a little less energy on the part of the bass drum and cymbals, especially in parts marked 'fortissimo,' would effect an improvement. But the renditions have reflected credit on the young Band."

A learned writer asserts that "Heaven keeps our lights burning while we sleep." Well, it does look that way when the figures on the gas bill stare the average citizen in the face.—Detroit Free Press.

A Diminutive Drummer's Dilemma at Dining.

They tell a good story about one Wyman, a diminutive drummer, well known here and on the Comstock. He stopped one night at Deming, New Mexico, a favorite resort for cowboys.

"Madame," said Abe to the landlady, "give me some dinner, and be quick about it. I have not dined since yesterday."

The lady brought him some bean soup.

"Madame, take that soup away. I never eat soup. Bring on the roast right away."

The lady brought in a large plate of pork and beans.

"Madame, take that away. I never eat those things."

In vain the lady explained that pork and beans was the best the house afforded. He was obdurate, and wanted roast beef, rare. A mild-mannered, blue-eyed cowboy at the table then chipped in:

"Beggin' pardon, stranger, but you must excuse the lady. We—"

"Who are you?" retorted the drummer. "I know my business."

"You don't tell me!" said the festive cowboy, drawing his knife.

"Now you eat them beans. I'm going to set here and see you fed. Light into 'em, quick, or I'll open you sure, an' put 'em in. This is business with me, an' I'm shoutin' in yer ear."

The unfortunate drummer saw blood in the air, and was forced to choke four plates of the unwelcome food down before the cowboy was satisfied with his apology to the landlady.—Beno Gazette.

All Sorts.

He who puts a bad construction on a good act, reveals his own wickedness of heart.

If you know how to spend less money than you get, you have the philosopher's stone.

"Hi, there! keep off the grass!" was what a policeman said to ex-President Hayes at Cleveland the other day.

The very best thing in connection with gambling is not to gamble. If you wink at it you are gone; if you frown you are saved.

The inhabitants came near lynching a tailor who endeavored to introduce the new style of tight coat sleeves in Deadwood. They regarded it as a direct blow at the poker industry.

Said the Kaiser to the Czar, "Is it hot enough for you?" "Well, I should remark," replied the Czar of all the Russias, "I have a hard time of it. It is a boom in nation."—Boston Transcript.

A pretty woman may flirt with a top as a pastime, but when it comes to marrying she always prefers a man with brains enough to earn a respectable living, and muscle enough to help lace her corsets.

Here's the worst yet. A man in Berks county has worn a pair of stockings constantly for thirty years. Pretty durable stockings, but we should think they would need washing. Health journals say that stockings should be changed at least once a year on sanitary grounds.

The handsome bevy of Maine women who have organized a mining company have our best wishes. If cheeks full of the bloom of true womanhood is silver, that company will deservedly strike the biggest bonanza yet seen. Put us down for a block of stock of the Paul Bloom Womanhood Mining Company.—Economic.

A Spider Draws up a Mouse by the Tail

A very curious and interesting spectacle was to be seen Monday afternoon in the office of Mr. P. C. Clever's livery stable in this city. Against the wall of the room stands a tolerably tall desk, and under this a small spider not larger than a common pea, had constructed an extensive web reaching down to the floor.

About half past eleven o'clock Monday forenoon it was observed that the spider had ensnared a young mouse by passing filaments of her web around its tail. When first seen the mouse had its hind feet off the floor, and could barely touch the floor with its fore. The spider was full of business, running up and down the line, occasionally hitting the mouse's tail making it struggle desperately. Its efforts to escape were unavailing, as the slender filaments about its tail were too strong for it to break. In a short time it was seen that the spider was slowly hoisting its victim into the air. By two o'clock in the afternoon the mouse could hardly touch the floor with its fore feet; by dark the point of its nose was an inch above the floor. At nine o'clock at night the mouse was still alive, but had made no sign except when the spider descended and bit its tail. At this time it was an inch and a half from the floor. Yesterday morning the mouse was dead and hung three inches from the floor.

The news of the novel sight soon became circulated, and hundreds of people visited the stable to witness it. The mouse is a small one, probably less than half grown, measuring about one and one half inches from the point of its nose to the root of the tail. How the spider succeeded in ensnaring it is not known. The mechanical ingenuity of the spider, which enables her to raise a body which must weigh forty or fifty times as much as herself has been the subject of a great deal of comment and speculation, and no satisfactory solution of the difficulty has been found. All agree that it is a most remarkable case and one that would be relieved with utter incredulity if it were not so amply attested.—[Lebanon, Ky. State.]

Mrs. Blaine had been some years in Washington before Mrs. X., wife of a Senator, called upon her. At last Mrs. X. was announced. As Mrs. Blaine entered her drawing-room to receive her guest she noticed the colored cook slip out hurriedly from the reception-room, where Mrs. X. was waiting. This surprised her but she said nothing. Next day, however, her valuable cook left her to find a place in Mrs. X.'s kitchen. At a state dinner soon afterward given at the Executive Mansion the two ladies chanced to be placed with only a seat between them at table. The gentleman sitting between noticing that Mrs. Blaine did not address a word of conversation to her other neighbor, exclaimed: "Why, Mrs. Blaine, you know Mrs. Senator X., do you not?" "No," was the answer, and loud enough for all to hear; "Mrs. X. called on my cook the other day at my house and her card was handed to me by mistake. My cook returned the call."

When Lydia Thompson's husband doesn't want her to go out of an evening he seals her clothes up in an envelope and hands it to the hotel clerk to look up in the safe.—Ex. Such a trifle would not prevent her from going on the stage, however. She could wear a sweet smile, and a rose in her hair, as formerly.—Norristown Herald.

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The Territorial and County taxes for the year 1881, are now due and payable at the Sheriff's Office, at the Court House, in the Village and County of Yuma, from 9 A. M. to 12 M. and 1 to 5 P. M. Taxes will be delinquent on and after

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